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1. [redacted] on the Skolpen Bank in June 1953 [redacted] Soviet trawlers and commercial vessels. They either came on a course from the Murmansk-Kildin Island area to the west side of the Skolpen Bank, where they turned westward; or they came from the west to the Skolpen Bank, where they turned southward toward Murmansk. The vessels [redacted] followed the same course from the west to the Skolpen Bank and southward, and from the south to the Skolpen Bank and westward. 25X1
2. On 9 or 10 June, on a trip in from the ocean south of the Skolpen Bank to Vardø (N 70-22, E 31-07) [redacted] vessel went in toward shore during a dense fog. [redacted] The vessel moved eastward along the shore as far as could be seen in the fog, until it came to a little bay where there were two houses and two radio masts. [redacted] they had approached the Fisher Peninsula, and [redacted] set the course out to sea again. Outside one of the houses which was located on the west side of the bay, two men were observed; they just stood and looked at the vessel without making any sign or attempt to stop it. The vessel was then approximately 50 meters off shore. (For a sketch of this area, see page 2.) 25X1
3. The radio masts were approximately 15 meters high with backstay fastenings in the center. The houses were the usual low houses. They were located a short distance from each other. 25X1
4. No vessels were observed along the shore, nor were there any other signs of life, from the first sighting of land to the time when the radio masts were seen. The coast was similar to that in East Finland, with steep cliffs and sandy shores. 25X1

Comment: Fisher Peninsula is also known as Rybachiy Peninsula (N 69-42, E 32-36).

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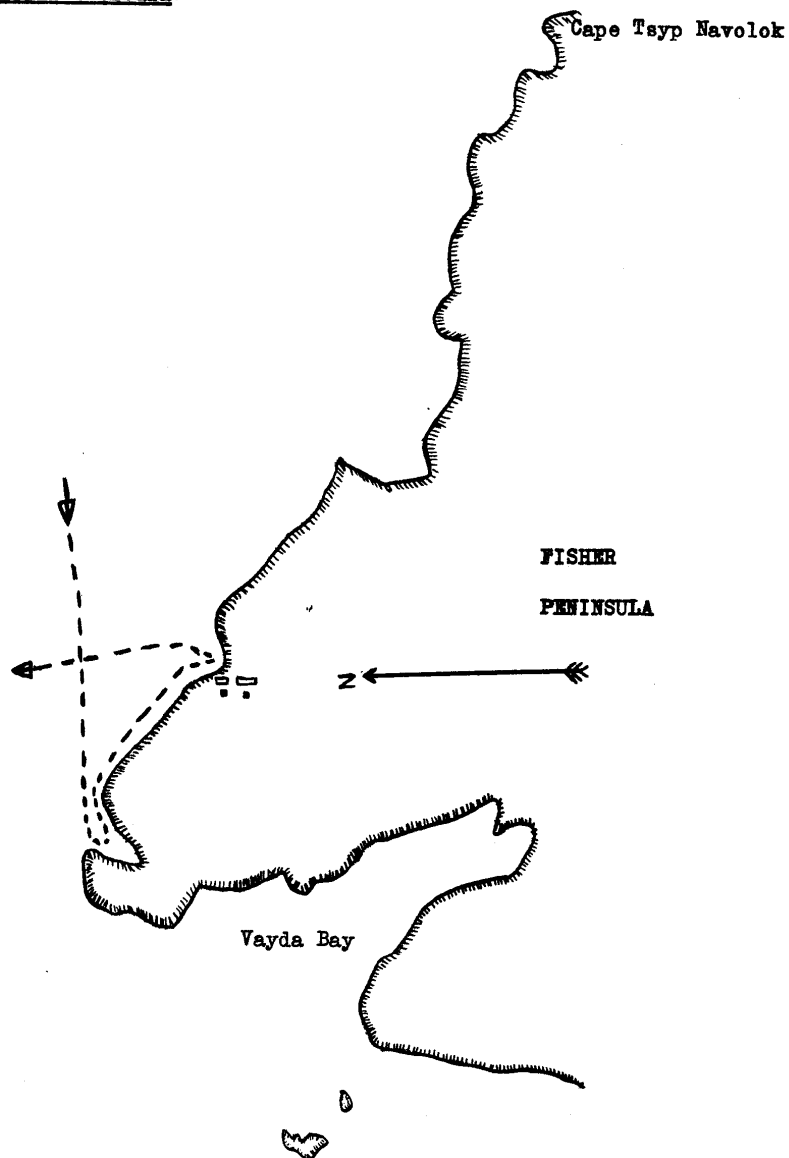
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Sketch of Fisher Peninsula:



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